

REMARKS

OVERVIEW

Claims 1-28 are pending in the present application. Minor wording objections have been raised to claim 17. A double patenting rejection has been raised regarding all the claims. The present response is an earnest attempt to place the application in form for allowance. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

CLAIM OBJECTIONS

The Examiner has requested minor rewording of the indicated phrase in dependent claim 17. The phrase has been changed to "The variable is" for grammatical accuracy. It is respectfully submitted this remedies the objection.

Also, the phrase "the buyer" has been changed to "a buyer" for correct antecedent basis in claim 1, and the definitive article "a" added to claim 26 for grammatical purposes.

DOUBLE PATENTING

The only other objection or rejection to the application is a nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting rejection set forth at pages 2-8 of the Office Action. The Examiner takes the position that the claims in this application are obvious variations over the just-issued U.S. Patent No. 7,124,108, which has just been issued to the same applicants.

The Examiner indicates that this rejection can be overcome by the filing of a Terminal Disclaimer. Enclosed please find the Terminal Disclaimer. It is respectfully submitted this remedies the only remaining issue in the application.

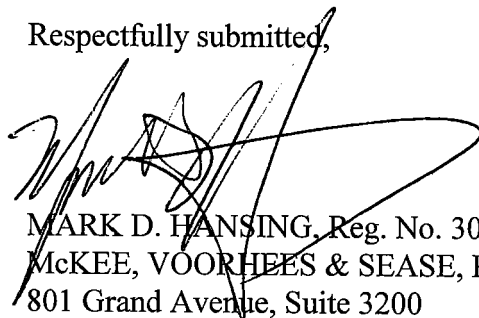
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CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted all matters raised in the Office Action have been addressed and remedied and that the application is in form for allowance. It is not believed that any additional fees or any extensions of time are required for entry of this response, however, if any has been inadvertently overlooked, please consider this a request therefore and charge any required fees to Deposit Account No. 26-0084.

Reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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